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January 13, 2019
Sunday after Theophany

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Eph 4:7-13 Mt 4:12-17

Schedule of Church Services and Activities

Jan 13	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i> All Saints Church Anniversary Potluck Luncheon
Jan 20	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Jan 22	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Jan 27	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Jan 28	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Jan 29	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Feb 3	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Feb 10	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church</i>
Feb 11	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy



Holy Mystery of Penance – Confessions heard 45 minutes before each Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

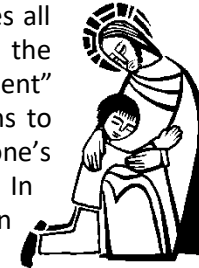
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church is committed to gather in the Lord's name and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

We invite you to join us in worship and hope that you will experience the Divine Liturgy as a meeting of heaven and earth.

Repent and Be Glad! – In the Gospel reading today, ...we hear the very first sermon that Christ ever gave in his public ministry: “Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at hand!”

With just these few short words, Christ begins His earthly ministry, and he summarizes all of the Gospel that is to come. Yet the first word He says is “repent.” “Repent” in the original Greek literally means to “change one’s mind – to change one’s heart” and to “turn God-ward.” In order to see Christ and to believe in Him, we must repent. In order to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, we must repent. In order to take even the first step, we must repent.



Repentance is not a one-time thing, or some grand, romantic gesture. We who sin almost continually – if not in our actions, then in our thoughts – must constantly turn back to God and repent. To repent, we must die to ourselves and live to God. And we must die daily. And many times daily. Maybe thousands of little deaths each and every day – but death to sin and death to death. Repentance is a death that brings life!

...Repentance is not simply an emotional state. It isn’t simply feeling sorry, although this is part of it. Repentance is a turning from darkness to the light of Christ. It is about moving away from selfishness to selflessness, moving away from death to life. It is not some protracted, morose state of being. Instead, repentance brings true joy. When we truly repent and truly turn to God, then we receive the grace of God and we are joyful! When we turn to Christ in repentance, this turning brings life, light, joy and peace – the very fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our lives are new and different – full of joy. Full of life and vigor. This is what it means to repent. This is what Christ is saying when He says, “the Kingdom of God is at hand.” This Kingdom can be experienced here and now, if we repent and turn to God.

...Indeed, Christ offers us salvation, if only we will turn to Him. The Kingdom of Heaven and Christ the King are ineffably close to us – much closer than we can imagine. Closer to us than the beating of our own heart. Closer to us than our next breath. “Behold I stand at the door” of your heart, and knock, says Christ. “If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in with him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20) It is only through repentance that we can open wide the doors of our heart to our Saviour, the Heavenly King. On this first Sunday after Theophany, let us recall our own baptism, and our own baptismal promises. Let us turn from our sins and fix our gaze on Christ. Through a true repentance let us open wide the doors of our heart to Christ and to the Kingdom of Heaven as we look ahead towards Lent – that great season of repentance. “Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!”

<https://www.holycross-hermitage.com/blogs/articles-sermons/113625094-sermon-for-the-sunday-after-theophany-2016>

Please Pray For – Rt Rev Mitrat Archpriest Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Rev Andrew Krasulski, Rev Michael Krulak, Rev Andrew Marko, Anna, Dorian, Joseph, Nicholas, Michael Balint, Ann Berna, Brenda Conyers, Irene Derr, Joanne Herriven, Janelle (Misamore) Jessie, Pete Johnson, Peter Kokinda, Nicholas Lawson, Jeff Link, Colleen Mallery, Emma Patrick, Anne Poole, Leo Schofield, Missy Shapp, Vincent Spanti, Lindsay Anna Webster

Sanctuary Lamp

In honor of our families
by Deacon James & Kathy Phifer

Preparatory Table

In remembrance of Paul & Helen
Kostack and Charles & Gladys Gebig
by Charles & Mary Ann Gebig

Vesting Table

May the world be enlightened by the
knowledge that life from birth to natural
death is a sacred gift

